

Working of the Registration Department for the year 1930-31.

READ—

Letter No. Per. 26—30-31, dated 26th September 1931, from the Inspector-General of Registration, forwarding a report on the working of the Registration Department during the year 1930-31, together with the prescribed statistical statements.

ORDER No. FL. 3054-72—REGIS. 12-31-3, DATED 30TH—31ST OCTOBER 1931.

Recorded.

2. The year under review was affected by economic depression and there has been a perceptible fall of about 22 per cent in the number and value of documents registered and also in the receipts of the Department.

The total number of documents registered during the year and their aggregate value were 1,27,281 and Rs. 415.67 lakhs as against 1,64,037 and Rs. 534.66 lakhs respectively in the year previous. The total revenue of the Department declined from Rs. 3,80,112 to Rs. 2,95,196.

3. The expenditure during the year rose however from Rs. 1,78,030 to Rs. 1,85,992, the increase being due to the opening of two special Sub-Registry Offices at Kuderu and Alur and also to the accrual of increments in the progressive salaries of the staff.

4. Government observe that the Inspector-General of Registration and the District Registrars as well as the *Ex-officio* Inspectors paid surprise visits to several Sub-Registry Offices and that there were no serious irregularities noticed.

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Reduction of the rates of discount payable to Stamp Vendors.

READ—

Para 47 of Government Order No. FL. 5060-9—St. 18-24-3, dated 12th March 1925, fixing the rates of discount payable to Stamp Vendors on the sale of Stamps.

2. Para 3 of Government Order No. FL. 2621-32—St. 13-31-1, dated 6—7th October 1931, requesting the Commissioner of Stamps to expedite proposals in the matter of the reduction of the rates of discount payable to Stamp Vendors.

3. Letter No. C. 173-31-32, dated 13th October 1931, from the Commissioner of Stamps proposing the reduction of Commission on General Stamp to 2 per cent in towns and 4 per cent in rural areas and that on Court Fee Stamps to 1½ per cent uniformly, the General and Court Fee Stamps above the value of Rs. 10 being sold to the public direct from the Treasury.

ORDER No. FL. 3223-33—St. 13-31-3, DATED 5—6TH NOVEMBER 1931.

At the suggestion of the Retrenchment Committee, the question of revision of the rates of discount payable to Stamp Vendors was examined and in consultation with the Deputy Commissioners of Districts, the Stamp Commissioner has recommended certain reductions in the present rates. Government are pleased to accept the recommendation and direct that discount be allowed to Stamp Vendors at the following rates with effect from 1st December 1931.

General Stamps } 2 per cent at District and Taluk Headquarters.
 } 4 per cent at other places.

Court Fees Stamps.—1½ per cent at all places.

Sales to the public of General and Court Fee Stamps in Treasuries by *ex-officio* vendors will be limited to Stamps of a higher value than Rs. 25. On such sales, no discount is allowed.

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